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Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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"The cause of peace and goodwill is dearer to me than the ruddy drops that run in my veins. Not that there can be peace before there is purity; not that there can be peace before there is the possession of impartial liberty and equal rights, so far as the masses are concerned; nevertheless we must preach purity, and liberty, and peace, and human brotherhood and world wide philanthropy, "whether men will hear or whether they will forbear". I am not for the peace that is at war with common sense; that does not strike back simply through indolence or timidity; that causes a truckling policy, rather than have







any excitement; that does not  
always take sides with the  
oppressed against the oppressor,  
though the weapons they use are  
the same, and that is mainly  
characterized by cant and  
inbecility. # The peace of the  
cross is positive, courageous,  
discriminating, divine. It carries  
with it the elements of justice,  
equality, liberty, and love; and  
whoever is destitute of these is  
not qualified to be a peace  
reformer.



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